

REPORT

OF THE

G L A S G O W

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE,

HELD IN THE

MECHANICS' INSTITUTION HALL, CANNING ST.

CALTON, GLASGOW,

J U N E 15th and 16th, 1850.

JOSEPH CLEMENTS,

President.

WALTER THOMSON,

Clerk.

From the reports given in by the Presidents of the standing of their branches, they were all in good standing with the exception of the Maybole branch.

President Joseph Clements then arose and put the following motions before the meeting:—

First, That we uphold and sustain President Brigham Young, and his two counsellors Heber C. Kimball and Willard Richards, as the Presidency of the church in all the world. Seconded by Elder Scott.

Second, That we uphold and sustain the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles as the travelling presiding High Council of the Church in all the world. Seconded by Elder Livingston.

Third, That we uphold and sustain President Orson Hyde, as President of the Churches east of the Rocky Mountains, United States. Seconded by Elder Rowan.

Fourth, That we uphold and sustain our beloved brother Orson Pratt, as the President of the European Churches, and Franklin D. Richards his counsellor. Seconded by Elder Watson.

Fifth, Moved by Elder Scott, That we uphold and sustain by our faith, prayers, and means, our beloved brother Joseph Clements, as the President of this Conference. Seconded by Elder M'Farlane.

Sixth, That we uphold and sustain Elder William M'Keachie, as General Book Agent for this Conference, and Elder Walter Thompson, as Conference Clerk. Seconded by Elder Logan.

Seventh, That we uphold and sustain the Presidents of the various branches in this Conference. Seconded by Elder Scott.

Eighth, That we uphold and sustain all the Authorities of the Church in all the world. Seconded by Elder Brighton.

Ninth, That we sanction the organisation of the Rothesay branch by President Clements, Elder Graham Douglas to be President of the same. Seconded by Elder Meiklejohn.

Tenth, That we sanction the re-organisation of the Irvine branch by Elder Matthew Rowan, and that he stand as President of the same. Seconded by Elder Logan.

Eleventh, That we sustain the appointment of Elder William Livingston to the Presidency of the Airdrie branch, in the room of brother Baxter. Seconded by Elder Brighton.

Twelfth, That no individual be confirmed in this conference in any of the branches, without a list of the full particulars of the individual's birth, namely, the day and date of birth, and the town, parish, county, and kingdom, where he or she was born, also the date of the baptism, and by whom baptised, and the Elder or Priest who has baptised them, to be held responsible to have all these items handed in to the President or Clerk of the branch, where the baptism has taken place before the individual is confirmed. Seconded by Elder Watson.

The motions having been duly seconded they were put to the meeting, and unanimously carried.

President Clements then arose and made a few remarks, he said there had been a great deal of difficulty among the branches for the last three months to get good oil, for administering and attending to the ordinance for the benefit of the sick ; he had spoke to brother M'Keachie on that subject, and he will keep on hand a quantity of good oil, so that the Presidents of the various branches before they come into conference can make arrangements, for the quantity of oil they will require, and by bringing a bottle with them they can get it from him at the Quarterly Conference, and this will save the Saints from getting the oil they have had for sometime past. It is mere fish oil, neither fit to be taken inwardly or applied outside of the skin. The purest oil will always be kept on hand, and when administered to the Saints the blessing of God will attend it with power, but this stinking fish oil, he could not ask the blessing of the Lord to follow such stuff. When we get any thing for holy purposes we should get the best that we can, then we are clear from any blame.

It was accordingly moved by Elder M'Michael that Elder William M'Keachie keep a quantity of good oil on hand for the use of the Saints, and the Presidents of the various branches when in at Conference, can take home with them a quantity for the use of the Saints in their respective branches. Seconded and unanimously carried.

President Clements then gave some instructions concerning ordinations, he said there were none to be ordained or nominated, to any office without first having the advice of the President of the Conference. This council was given in the "Star" sometime ago, and it is necessary that the Presidents observe the order that has been laid down.

It was then moved by brother W. Thomson that we sustain President Joseph Clements as Treasurer of the Conference for the Perpetual Emigration Fund. Seconded and unanimously carried.

Elder John Kelly reported the standing of the Maybole branch to be in a bad state, they having had no meeting for the last 6 or 7 weeks.

The meeting then dismissed, to meet again at 11 o'clock on Sabbath.

SABBATH.

The Meeting was called to order by President Joseph Clements, and the hymn on the 335 page, "Weep, weep not for me, Zion," was then sung, and prayer by Elder Eli B. Kelsey. Another hymn being sung, President Clements arose and said he was happy in meeting with the Saints to-day, seeing so many faces he was familiar with, and at having also the company of brothers Kelsey and Dunn on this occasion, he anticipated in having a good time. He had made up his mind for that at any rate, and he presumed they had all come together to enjoy themselves, for they all looked so good natured.

He did not see any person otherwise. If there are any who feel bad, we will get them good natured before the close, because there is so much of a balance of the good, that it will cause them to feel good also. He had seen people who were bitter enemies before coming to hear the Saints, that their minds were changed when meeting with them, when they had met for a time of rejoicing, and they have come into the church. He then called upon the Clerk to read over the reports given in by the Presidents last evening.

After the reading of the reports, Brother Clements then arose and put all the motions, before the Saints, that were unanimously carried at the meeting of the Presidents of the various branches last evening they were likewise unanimously agreed upon by the Saints.

He then stated that the branches would receive the quantity of "Stars" that they have sent in for, at one penny a peice, but no discount will be allowed to the branches that have not quadrupled their present number of "Stars" that they take, he also said, that it is one thing for the Presidents to vote for motions at Conference but the thing of the most importance is when they go home, to go to work and help to carry them out, it is of no use to vote with our hands, and not carry out with our hearts, what we vote for with our hands, and sanction with our hearts, let us carry it out, and any instruction that comes through the "Star," he takes it for granted it means what it says, and says what it means, and he upholds and sustains all that comes through the "Star," and the Presidents need not come to him, and ask if they will carry it out, (any thing that comes through the "Star") he is determined to carry all things out that may come through that channel, and let the Presidents go and do likewise, he would also say that when any notices are sent to the branches, let the Presidents be particular in reading them, and attend to the instructions contained in them.

The number of Officers present was then taken and are as follows.

One High Preist, 2 of the Seventys, 48 Elders, 24 Preists, 42 Teachers, 15 Deacons.

The following changes were then made in the Preisthood.

Tollcross branch—Adam Cook, Senr. Priest, to the Office of Elder.

Irvine branch—James Laird, Member, to the Office of Deacon.

Lanark do. —Robert Todd, Deacon, to the Office of Teacher.

Do. do. —Robert Maxwell, Member, to the Office of Deacon.

Holyton do. —John Hood, Member, to the Office of Teacher.

Glasgow do. —Peter Whitelock, Deacon, to the Office of Elder.

Do. do. —William James Anderson, Member, to the Office of Elder.

President Clements then arose and stated, that these Brethren, would be ordained in their respective branches. He also made a few remarks in regard to the Elders and Priests when they are out preaching, to lay before the people the first principles of the Gospel as taught in the Bible, and not rail against the present systems of the

day, nor preach on subjects such as Baptism for the Dead, Spirits in Prison, &c.; give them faith, repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, and laying on of hands for the gifts of the Holy Ghost. Brother Clements then said he had got through with business matters, and he supposed all feel to rejoice at having the privilege of seeing brother Kelsey. He then gave way for brother Kelsey to speak praying that God may bless him, with his holy spirit. Amen.

Brother Kelsey then arose and said, he truly rejoiced in meeting again with the Saints of this conference, he had looked forward to this day with fond anticipation of pleasure, he would have come down to see them sooner, but circumstances prevented him, he had peculiar feelings to the Saints of this conference, he loved the Saints of God, all that were called to be Saints, yet he has peculiar feelings to the Saints here, though he could not be termed their father or they his children, but this was his first field of labour, his first mission to a foreign land, and it will form an important epoch in his life, and he would remember it all his days, and through all eternity. He had never forgotten the many acts of kindness, nor never could, and it produces peculiar feelings upon the servants of God. The Holy Ghost teaches gratitude, as well as every other holy principle, and they had the gratitude of his heart, and he will remember it, whether in this life or the next, and return it an hundred fold, and brother Franklin D. Richards feels as he did himself, he told me to give his love to all the Saints, and to convey his apology to them for not having visited them before this time, his duties were such that he could not possibly come down. Shortly after he came to this country, the Elders on their various missions, to the nations, they were sent to, had to be attended to, but he designs coming to see you as soon as circumstances permits, and to spend some time with you, he is in excellent health, and he bears his honours in meekness, and he has the spirit of his office, how easily is it to see when men are called of God, he clothes them with power, and enables them to magnify and fulfill the duties thereof, inasmuch as they are faithfull. Brother Kelsey said he was pleased to see the unanimity of feeling among the Saints, in the motions that had now been passed, and likewise in having such a man as brother Clements to preside over them, and when he heard in New York, that he had been appointed to this conference, to roll on the work of God, he felt to rejoice. He then continued to make some remarks encouraging the officers and members to faithfulness and diligence.

The forenoon meeting then closed by Prayer.

Meeting opened by singing a Hymn, and Prayer by Elder C. Dunn.

Some encouraging remarks were then made by Elders Dunn and Kelsey, urging them on to diligence and obedience to the men that were placed over them, to teach them the principles of holiness.

Elder William M'Keachie then moved that we still continue to pay threepence a head for every standing member that is represented at conference meetings. Seconded and unanimously carried.

Brother Dunn dismissed the meeting by Prayer.

Met again at half-past 6 o'clock evening! Elder Dunn gave a very interesting discourse on the Book of Mormon, and was followed by Elders Clements and Kelsey.

Meeting dismissed as usual by Prayer, and adjourned until the 15th of September next.

A Social meeting was held on Monday Evening, in the Mechanics' Hall, Canning Street, Calton. There were present President Joseph Clements, Elder Eli, B. Kelsey, and Elder Dunn, of Edinburgh, Conference, and a large concourse of Saints, who enjoyed themselves well during the evening through the instructions and addresses that were given by Brothers Kelsey, Clements, and Dunn, and the Songs of Zion that were sung by the brethren and sisters, tended to the enjoyment of the Saints, which was manifested profusely among them, and never did the Saints enjoy such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit among them, especially Elder Kelsey, Clements, and Dunn. Elder Kelsey prophesied of the labours of Brother Clements that the Saints would be greatly blessed through him, and the Lord would greatly bless him and through his labours, hundreds would be added to this Conference, and called upon the Elders to go forth in the Spirit and power of their office; for many, very many would obey the truth, the ensuing 6 months, and on whomsoever they laid their hands for removing of disease, it would depart through the power of faith. He also blessed Elder William M'Keachie for he is a good man, the President has only to say he wants a thing done, and it is done, and soon he and his family will be gathered to Zion.

President Clements then arose, and blessed brother Kelsey with health and strength and long life, and may he return to this conference when I leave to go home and be a blessing to the the Saints which was responded to with a hearty Amen. He also blessed brother Dunn, in the name of the Lord with every thing his circumstances may require, and soon he shall be gathered home to Zion.

The meeting was closed, and every heart responded to what had passed.

It will be seen by referring to the report on second page, that the Conference fund amounts to..... £18 1 6

Expenditure of the same

Paid to Elders of other Conferences,.....	£2	10	0
Board, Lodging, and Washihg, for Joseph Clements, and others,.....	4	12	6
Clothing for Joseph Clements,.....	6	0	0
Paper, Ink, and Stamps,.....	0	18	0
Plaid, Bonnet, and Thistle, for Elder H. Burgess,.....	2	0	0
			6
	£16	0	6

The General Star Agent's Account. Due to the office in Liverpool, £102 9 4

His Books having been examined by Brother Clements, the following is the result,—

By Cash on hand,	£18 4 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
By Books, Stars, Pamphlets, &c., unsold in the	
Agent's hands,	48 0 0
Due by the Branches,	86 4 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	£102 9 4

Debts due by the Branches for Books.

Airdrie branch,	£9 7 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Holytown do,	4 7 8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Lanark do,	2 11 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rutherglen do,	1 3 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tollcross do,	5 5 3
Greenock do,	1 0 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kilmarnock flo,	0 14 4
Dalry do,	2 13 7
Irvine do,	0 2 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Paisley do,	1 1 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ayr do,	0 10 1
Lugar do,	1 11 1
Glasgow do,	3 0 0
Maybole do,	0 4 0
Bridge of Weir do,	0 3 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Johnston do,	1 12 0
Odd Debts,	0 15 0

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ADDRESSES.

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Walter Thomson, Clerk, 7 Graeme Street, Glasgow.

N.B.—If the branches do not make a Settlement every six weeks with the General "Star" Agent, no Books or "Stars" will be sent them until it is done.

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